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himself to this effect: "Such a law if passed would in my mind work great harm; for illiteracy is by no means always ignorance. If the immigrant is industrious and thrifty, he will make a useful citizen, whether he be literate or illiterate. The educated schemer is in more ways than one more dangerous than the honest workman, even though he be illiterate." It is well in this connection to recall these sentiments. What America has become, she is because of the influence of foreign elements.

I deem the closing of America's doors against the immigrant un-American. It has always welcomed the stranger. It has ever been the haven of the suffering, oppressed and persecuted. It offered opportunity to the lowliest. When other governments excluded the foreigner and exclaimed, as Germany once did, "Germany for the Germans!" and as Russia declared, "Russia for the Russians!" America never sanctioned such illiberal policy. It was on this account, undoubtedly, that America's voice was heard, in the parliament of the nations, whenever she protested against that which was undemocratic. Shall America go back on her traditions? Shall she sacrifice the spurs she has won? Shall she, at this late hour, hold the millions for whom she has room at bay, when they seek to avail themselves of American opportunity and American citizenship?

I consider the closing of America's doors against the immigrant inhuman. In the light of higher ethics, what is the duty of the individual, and even the nation, in the possession of comparative prosperity, toward those less favorably conditioned? "Relief" is the word which characterizes the duty. What would you think of the man who, when a starving or freezing brother comes to his door, will deny that brother food or shelter? Does not a people lose in world esteem if it refuses aid to an unfortunate immigrant who asks such at its hands, in the form of admittance to that people's country? Nations, like persons, have not yet learned that possessions are only trusts, to be used for the common good. Whether one man or another is responsible for the remark that certain nationalities, having been driven from pillar to post, are now worthless in the life of a nation, the remark is unworthy of him, claiming to be dowered with a finer humanity. Out there, in European lands, are millions who are in need. Though we may be willing to send sums of money ever so large across the waters, for the alleviation of their misery, the assertion may be ventured, without fear of disproof, that if the millions were brought here, and would be allowed to help themselves, a better day should dawn for them through our humanity.

I term the closing of America's doors against the immigrant Un-Jewish, even "un-Christian." I employ the term Un-Jewish, not merely because I would have Jews look upon the United States as a land of promise and dwell therein in security, but also because the stranger, according to Jewish teaching, is to be made welcome in every land. How often does not our Scriptures caution ancient Israel not to oppress or wrong the stranger, and give as basis for such law the words, "For strangers ye were in the land of Egypt." Can anyone forget, for a single moment, the injunction, "When thy brother be

waxed poor, thou shalt strengthen him, whether he be stranger or native born, in order that he may live like thee?" Can anyone be unmindful of the Golden Rule, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?" or as Hillel phrases it, "Whatsoever is hurtful to thee do to none?"

We Jews, dwelling here in America, ought to protest against the enforced stoppage of immigration, through the people's representatives in the government, in order that the finer idealism of our ancestral faith might make itself felt tellingly in the life of our nation. We, who are already on these shores, must not be oblivious of the desire, the yearning and the hope prompting the misery-laden of foreign lands to come to the United States. That we are already citizens of this land, while others are not, is a mere accident. If immigration to the United States should be stopped, even for the limited time proposed, great numbers of human beings, including our coreligionists abroad, will be doomed to lamentable starvation, woeful disease and premature death.

It has been stated that we are not sufficiently prepared with Americanization methods to assimilate all the various elements which might find their way to the United States, under existing European conditions, and that we have quite enough to do with the assimilation of the various nationalities already constituting our population. If such is the case, our neglect in the planning of the proper Americanization program is a mistake which can be easily rectified. Let men of light and leading, in the manifold educational activities, get together, confer and act, and we shall put ourselves into the position to keep America's doors open without that menace to ourselves which is feared in some circles. To do otherwise now would be to run counter to that for which all of us in America should stand and which all of us should be.

I want you, and all others, to ponder seriously the immigration bill, and pondering it, not forget that, as it is presented now, it is economically inexpedient, un-American, inhuman and un-Jewish. And with these thoughts in your mind, exercise whatever influence you can, by personal intercession and public protest, against the bill becoming a law. Do this, not only that you may thus perform your many-sided ethical responsibility, but also pay your national obligation, safeguarding thereby the future well-being of the United States and its standing, as a nation, in the Federation of Mankind.

NATHAN SAPER AT THE HELM OF GULF CO. DEPT.

Nathan Saper yesterday was placed in charge of the leasing, scouting and oil purchasing department of the Gulf Production Company in District No. 1, comprising Stephens and Palo Pinto counties, by order from the executive offices of the company in Fort Worth. Mr. Saper has been acting in that capacity for several weeks, but word of his permanent promotion was a surprise to him.

Mr. Saper is well known and well liked by the oil fraternity in Breckenridge, Fort Worth and other cities of the oil territory. His promotion by happy coincidence came during the visit of his mother, Mrs. S. Saper of Kansas City, to Breckenridge.